

Service Date: November 3, 1999

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF CUT BANK)	UTILITY DIVISION
GAS COMPANY, Application for)	
Approval of Increased Rates for)	DOCKET NO. D99.6.145
Natural Gas Service)	ORDER NO. 6192b
IN THE MATTER OF CUT BANK)	UTILITY DIVISION
GAS COMPANY -- miscellaneous))	
)	DOCKET NO. D96.2.21
)	ORDER NO. 5897b
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)	DOCKET NO. D97.11.224
)	ORDER NO. 6029a
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)	DOCKET NO. D98.10.255
)	ORDER NO. 6116a

FINAL ORDER

On June 9, 1999, Cut Bank Gas (CBG) filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for approval of increased rates for natural gas service in CBG's service area. In response to public notice of the CBG application, the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) and Commercial Energy of Montana (CEM) intervened and are the only persons to do so.

On September 3, 1999, CBG and MCC filed a stipulation agreeing to a final resolution of issues existing between them. On September 14, 1999, the PSC issued an interim order (Interim Order, Order No. 6192a) in accordance with the CBG and MCC stipulation. On October 19, 1999, CEM agreed that the PSC could proceed to a final order on the stipulation.

The PSC determines that no hearing or further proceedings on the matter are necessary. It is hereby ordered that the interim order issued September 14, 1999, is adopted as the final order in this matter. For convenience, a copy of the interim order, Order No. 6192a, is attached.

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The PSC also takes this opportunity to approve on a final basis any miscellaneous pending CBG matters before the PSC that should be finalized. The PSC determines that CBG has three pending matters in this category. The PSC's interim order (Order No. 5897 as supplemented or modified by Order No. 5897a) issued in Docket No. D96.2.21, the PSC's interim order (Order No. 6029) issued in Docket No. D97.11.224, and the PSC's interim order (Order No. 6116) issued in Docket No. D98.10.255, all pertaining to CBG's pass through of Montana Power Company rate changes, are hereby approved on a final basis.

Done and dated this 26th day of October, 1999, by a vote of 5-0.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chair

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.